GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:267
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DIRECT FUNDING TO PANCHAYATS
VUKKALA RAJESWARAMMA

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government provides grant/funds directly to panchayats bypassing the State Governments;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether some States have objected to such methods of channeling funds to local bodies;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI SHANTA KUMAR)

(a) Grants/Funds under the various Schemes of the Ministry of Rural Developmentare released either to the State Governments or to the Zila Panchayats/District Rural Development Agencies.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) & (e) Does not arise.